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1. THE NATIONAL HERALD JULY 2 CARRIES A BRIEF SAMACHAR ITEM REPORTING THAT HINDUSTAN AERONAUTIC LIMITED (HAL) IS UNDERTAKING PRODUCTION OF A "NEW AND SUPERIOR VERSION OF (THE) MIG-21, A FRONT-LINE INTERCEPTOR-FIGHTER OF THE INDIAN AIR FORCE..." THE REPORT INDICATES THAT NEWSMEN WHO RECENTLY VISITED THE KORAPUT DIVISION OF HAL'S MIG PRODUCTION COMPLEX IN ORISSA WERE TOLD THAT THE EXPANSION PROGRAM WOULD BE "FINALIZED" BY THE END OF THE MONTH. THE SAMACHAR ITEM CONCLUDES THAT THE GOI HAD ALREADY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE MIG PRODUCTION PROGRAM WITH SOVIET COLLABORATION.

2. COMMENT---THE NATONAL HERALD REPORT IS THE FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE WE HAVE SEEN TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE IMPENDING PRODUCTION OF THE MIG-23 MODEL BIS IN INDIA.
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